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Gordon Road Station,

January 4, 1939.

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The place is well frequented by Chinese and occasionally small foreign parties visit there after curfew hours. Visits by foreigners are however, the exception rather than the rule.

The existance of this place first came to the notice of this station on 15/10/38 when two coolies employed

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Certified true copy

H. C. Eardley

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc.3/39.

REPORT

Gordon Road Station,

Date January 4th, 1939.

Subject The Yung Sung Club.

Made by D.S.I.Cumming. & Forwarded by Inspector i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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D. S. I.

D.D.O."B" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date

Central Registry,
S.M.P. Headquarters,
December 6, 1938.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 1039
Date

To

Mr. J.E. Fairbairn,

Central Registrar.

Sir,

With reference to the attached, it is a handbill circulated by the Yung Sheng Club, Lane 175/184, corner of Connaught and Yenping Roads, which is one of those notorious gambling dens in the western district of Shanghai, and received by this office from an unknown person who, according to the writing in black ink thereon, which is obviously added by him, deplores the deteriorating state and condemns the conductor who has the boldness to disseminate such a handbill to the general public, contrary to law, requesting that drastic action be taken by the police in the interests of peace and good order. Boasting of an up-to-date accommodation and service to patrons, the bill states that roulette, and games of Cantonese "Pai-chiu", "Yao-pao", "Tung-pao" and "Chao-tan" are played and gambled in the club.

For your information and necessary action please.

Your obedient servant,

Translator.

D.D.O.

For compliance with C.P.'s instructions please.

R.W.S. 10/12.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SECRET

C.S.6, Special Branch

REPORT

File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 10
Date December 6, 1938.

Subject The Yung Sung Club.

Made by and Forwarded by Inspector Papp.

In compliance with the attached memo. from the D.C.(Special Branch), I beg to submit the following additional particulars concerning the above named club:-

The Yung Sung Club is located at House 184, Lane 175 Connaught Road near Yangping Road. It is the largest gambling establishment in the Western area, being equipped with seven roulette tables. It is owned by a large Chinese Syndicate and operated under the protection of the Japanese Authorities as well as the Ta Tao Police Authorities and it enjoys the special protection of a large gang of loafers. The running expenses of the club amount to $1,500 daily, of which amount $250. daily are paid to the Authorities. Owing to the heavy expenses (squeeze)etc. the club is unable to make very large profits. It is frequented by many Chinese gamblers and also by many foreigners, including foreign women. It was also recently visited by a member of the Shanghai Municipal Police in uniform (name unobtainable), who was advised to call in plainclothes next time.

The staff of the club includes a foreigner named Mr. Joseph Ezra, who is employed in the capacity of foreign manager and caretaker. Mr. J. Ezra was formerly employed as assistant by Messrs. Savuk & Co. H.A.I., 128 Museum Road.

A sample of latest type of invitation cards to the above club is attached.

E. Papp
Inspector

D.C. (Special Branch)

D.C. Crime
Information
J. Robertson
DC (SB)

P. A. to B. C. (Sp. Br.)

C.P.
D.C. (Det.)
Inspector

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
6 DEC 1938
(CRIME BRANCH)

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Further inquiries

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
6 DEC 1938
(CRIME BRANCH)

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
6 DEC 1938
(INVESTIGATION)

For the

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
7 DEC 1938
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL
LIBRARY
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MEMO.

D. I. Paph

Can you obtain some fuller details. You were told by E Trennell of Swadlincote

JR

D. C. Special Branch.

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Bubbling Well Station,

REPORT

Date 17th November 19 38.

Subject: Address of Public Gambling at Jessfield (S.B. Registry File No. D. 8039A/41 dated 2-11-38).

Made by: D.S.I. Tilton Forwarded by: D. A. Perkins C.I.

D.C. Crime
Information
18/11

Sir;

In connection with the Yung Sung Club, No. 184 Kong Ka Jau, Jessfield Road, C.C.L., it is quite a well known gambling club, operated by a Chinese combine.

A large number of Chinese are known to attend to play the dice game "Big & Small" and roulette.

No definite information can be ascertained that foreigners attend although it is quite possible an occasional foreign visitor may call.

W.D.O'R' Det. may be D.I. Papp. can assist on this point. AEY

The person mentioned in the report by D.I. Papp as "Ezra" is possibly Joseph Ezra (British), however, so far, no information could be obtained that he is actually connected with the club. It is respectfully suggested that if further information is required that D.I. Papp endeavour to confirm the above through his previous source of information as reliable information from the club is difficult to obtain in view of its situation outside the jurisdiction of the S.M.P.

Det. Sub-Inspector.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
18 NOV. 1938
CRIME BRANCH

Sen. Det. [illegible]

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2 Special Branch

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 8039 A/41
Date

Date November 11 1938.

Subject Gambling House at No.184, Lane 175 Connaught and Yenping Roads.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

The attached invitation purporting to have come from a roulette gambling house called the Yung Sung Club (榮生) at No.184 Lane 175 Connaught and Yenping Roads, was delivered through post to my address at 730/75 Avenue Foch. Apparently other telephone subscribers have received similar invitations.

Tan Shao Liang

Superintendent.

D. C. (Special Branch)

P.A.
This can attach to last being conducted
S.I. (D.S.I. Liao)
DB 11/11.

P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

Yoong Sung Club, Lane 175, House No.184 Yenping Road
near Connaught Road. Telphone No.22990

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Notice is hereby given that this Club is now situated in a new building with good air condition. It provides high class games in the form of "roulette," "big and small twenty-one chances," "Cantonese Bar-chu", "Yao Pao," "Doong Pao," "Taao Tai." "Small six chances," etc. In addition to motor car services, this club supplies both foreign and Chinese style tea and cakes to the customers.

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G. 40M-4-38

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C.S.6, Special Branch.

CONFIDENTIAL **REPORT**

Date November 2, 1938.

Subject (in full) Address of Public Gambling Place at Jessfield.

Made by and *Forwarded by* Inspector Papp.

It is learned that a large scale gambling (roulette) is being conducted at Yung Sung Club, 184 Kong Ka Jau, Jessfield Road, O.O.L. The place is frequented by many Chinese but the number of foreign visitors is also on the increase.

The management consists of several Chinese who are assisted by one Ezra. They are operating the establishment under special permits.

An introduction card to this establishment is attached.

Inspector.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
2 NOV 1938
(CRIME BRANCH)

D.C. (Special Branch).

D.C. Crime

Information.

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G. 55M-1-3

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

SECRET

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.8039/41
Date 19-7-38

Date July 18th 1938.

Subject Assassination of Wong Foo Kwei. (王福貴)

Made by Inspector Shih Sau-chien Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S

At about 8.45 a.m. July 18th, one Wong Foo Kwei alias Wong Shu Ding (王子清), a very well known loafer and a pro-Japanese element in the Western District, was shot dead in the San Too Lee alleyway (Lane 150, Chinese Number) off Kiaochow Road, O.O.L., by several unknown assailants, whilst he was leaving his home at No.12, San Too Lee alleyway accompanied by two friends.

Whilst the motive of the murder has yet to be ascertained, it will be recalled vide the attached Special Branch report dated March 18th, that Wong, together with one Koo Vung Dao (顧文涛) were reported to be the financiers of a gambling den known as the Yoong Sung Company, Kong Ka Jao, O.O.L.

Wong Foo Kwei, it is learned, was formerly an agent to General Yang Hu, formerly Shanghai Woosung Garrison Commander, but following the withdrawal of Chinese forces from the Shanghai Area in November, 1937, he was reported to be working with the Japanese Authorities in the capacity of an informer. He was often seen together with Koo Vung Dao, a former Sub-Inspector of the defunct Shanghai City Government Police Bureau and who is now believed to be an advisor on police affairs to the Shanghai Municipal Administrative Office.

Attached is a name card of Wong Foo Kwei, in which Wong was described as being the Chief of the Investigation Section of the 4th Branch of the First Special District Citizens' Federation, and inspector of eight different factories in the Western District.

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P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

D.C. (Special Branch)

DC Crime
Information
John Robertson
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
(SPECIAL BRANCH)

Inspector.

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G. 55M-1-38

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. .....

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date March 18 1938.

Subject Gambling Den in Kong Ka Jao off Jessfield Road, O.O.L. - bombed.

Made by D.S.I. Shih Ssu-chien Forwarded by G. Crawford. D.I.

At about 3 p.m. on March 16, a tin canister bomb was hurled into a gambling den, 47 Kong Ka Jao off Jessfield Road, O.O.L., by an unknown person. Gambling was in progress and about 50 persons were present at the time of the incident. Superficial injuries were sustained by two female patrons named Zee Wong Sz and Yao Nyi Sz and slight damage was caused to several window panes and furniture. During the commotion that ensued, the culprit made good his escape. Police from the Kong Ka Jao Sub-Station of the Dah Dao City Government Police Bureau, situated at a distance of a few blocks from the den, arrived at the scene and arrested three suspects who were later sent to the Dah Dao West District Branch Police Bureau, 94 Jessfield Road for enquiries. The gambling den resumed functioning shortly afterwards, though according to reports received, the management contemplates removing to house 184 on the same road in the near future.

The above mentioned gambling den, known as the Yoong Sung Company (榮生公司), came into existence several weeks ago with one Zau Lien Kung (曹連根), a notorious loafer in that district, as its conductor. This establishment is capitalized to the extent of approximately $10,000 which is reported to have been furnished by one Wong Foo Kwei (王福貴), a well known loafer in the Gordon Road and Pootoo Road Districts, and one Koo Vung Dao (顧文濤), a former sub-Inspector of the now dissolved Shanghai City Government Police Bureau Sub-Station on Robison Road. The motive for the bomb throwing has not yet been ascertained but it is generally believed to

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C.P.

D.C. (CIS)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 18 MAR 1938 SPECIAL BRANCH

COMMISSIONER 19 MAR 1938 CRIME BRANCH

D.O. "B" 19 MAR 1938

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch Division.

REPORT

File No. ... S. B. REGISTRY

Date June 12, 1939.

Subject (in full) Yeu Zung Company, a Cantonese style lottery gambling den in the Western District - closed.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang. *Forwarded by* C. Crawford D.I.

The Yeu Zung Company (有成公司), a Cantonese style lottery gambling den, which came into existence on May 10, 1939, at Lane 858, House No.1, Jessfield Road, C.O.L., temporarily closed on June 10, because of financial loss sustained following lack of business.

Sih Tse Liang
C. D. I.

Copy to D.O.3

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D.C.(Special Branch).

D.C. Dis
Information
John Robertson
DC(S.B)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE 13 JUNE 1939

CIVILIAN COMM'S OFFICE JUNE 1939 DIVISION

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MEMO.

S. 5

To see and arrange in the matter of forces advertising

D.C. Special Branch.

FM. 223 B.

D. 8039A/41

File Copy

All D.O's,
All D.D.O's.

Shanghai Municipal Police
Headquarters.

Date June 9, 1939.

Cantonese Lottery

Information has been received to the effect that the Yen Zung Co. No. 1/880 Jessfield Road are making efforts to enroll shops throughout the Settlement as agencies for the sale of Cantonese style lottery tickets.

Every effort will be made by station staffs to locate such agencies, stop the sale of tickets, and arrest agents distributing tickets or collecting accounts.

D.C. (SB)

D. C. (Divs.)

POLICE
REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date

MEMO. 6639

DC Div's

Information and favour of passing to Germany

DC (Sp Br) (Div's) [illegible]

Do see [illegible] to stop detective [illegible] Interceptor [illegible] bicycle at SVC stop pass [illegible]

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
18 JUNE 1939
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

D.C. Special Branch.

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FORM NO. 5
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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date June 6, 1939

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 8894

Subject (in full) Yeu Zung Co. (Cantonese Style Lottery Ticket Office) canvasses sales agents.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien. Forwarded by C. Crawford

Diligent efforts are being made by the Yeu Zung Company (Cantonese style lottery ticket office), 1/858, Jessfield Road, O.O.L., to promote the sale of its lottery tickets. In this connection it has prepared a large number of copies of a pamphlet for distribution among shops and residents throughout Shanghai requesting them to act as sales agents. According to the pamphlet, one hundred sales agents are to be enlisted. They will receive in addition to commission for lottery tickets sold, a subsidy of $30.00 to $45.00 per mensem from the company.

A copy of the pamphlet has been obtained and is attached herewith together with translation.

Copies to all D.O.'s

Liao Chung Chien.
D. S. I.

P. A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)
6/6.

D.C. (Special Branch).

TRANSLATION

Sales Agents (Ting Toong) Wanted

Regulations Governing the encouragement of new sales agents

1. A total of 100 sales agents are required.
2. These agents will be divided into two classes, "A" and "B", in accordance with their monthly sales.
3. Each month an "A" class sales agent will be issued with a subsidy of $45.00 and a "B" class sales agent $30.00 by the company.
4. The subsidy is issued as an encouragement and independent from the commission paid to sales agents.
5. A sales agent can only apply for one certificate for one specified address.
6. The certificate for an agent will be cancelled should he be found to be incompetent, or have applied for the certificate for the purpose of obtaining a subsidy from the company.
7. No charge will be made for the certificates.
8. The necessary chops and documents for use in connection with the sale of lottery tickets will be issued free to the sales agents.
9. The canvassing campaign will be concluded on June 16.

Yeu Zung Company (有成公司),
1/858 Jessfield Road, near Connaught Road. Tel. 21601.

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File No. 1. B. D.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 5, Special Branch, Shanghai,

REPORT

Date June 8, 1939.

Subject Restrictions upon advertisements from the Yeu Cheng Company (Cantonese style lottery ticket office).

Made by and Forwarded by D. S. McKeown.

Further to the attached file and acting on instructions of D. C. (Special Branch) thereon, the following local Chinese language dailies and mosquito papers have been requested not to accept any advertisements from the Yeu Cheng Company (有成公司 Cantonese style lottery ticket office, No.1/858 Jessfield Road, O.O.L.) which is soliciting business under the cloak of selling a medicine known as "Bear's Gall Bladder" :-

<u>Name and Address of Paper</u>

China Evening News (大晚報),
160 Avenue Edward VII.

Chinese-American Daily News (中美日報),
160 Avenue Edward VII.

Hwa Mei Wan Pao (華美晚報),
172 Avenue Edward VII.

Hwa Pao (華報),
172 Avenue Edward VII.

Eastern Times (時報),
514 Foochow Road.

Sin Wan Pao (新闻報),
274 Hankow Road.

Sin Wan Pao Evening Edition (新闻夜報),
274 Hankow Road.

Shun Pao (申報),
309 Hankow Road.

Morning Leader (導報),
130 Ningpo Road.

Ta Ying Yeh Pao (大英夜報),
130 Ningpo Road.

Ta Mei Wan Pao (大美晚報),
19 Avenue Edward VII.

FILE

Thos Robertson
D. C. (Sp. Br.)

SHANGHAI 9 JUN 1939 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Name and Address of Paper

Social Daily News (社会日報),
160 Avenue Edward VII

Crystal (晶報),
299 Hankow Road.

Hollywood Daily News (好萊塢日報),
400 Foochow Road.

Fun Pao (奮報),
31, Lane 36, Shanse Road.

Cheng Pao (正報),
3 Yu Shing Li (餘興里),
Fokien Road near Nanking Road.

Sih Pao (錫報),
446 Hankow Road.

Shiang Hai Pictorial (香海画報),
Room 216, House 620
Nanking Road.

Wei Pao (彙報),
Room 216, House 620
Nanking Road.

Hsi Chu Shih Chia (戲劇世界),
5A, Lane 330, Yu Ya Ching Road.

Mei Kwei Hua Pao (玫瑰画報),
5A, Lane 330, Yu Ya Ching Road.

Lieh Pao (力報),
3, Lane 330, Yu Ya Ching Road.

King Pao (今報),
29, Lane 145, Kuling Road.

Zi Pao (捷報),
23, Lane 41, Sun Ping Ka Street
(昇平街), Moulmein Road.

Ningpo Kung Pao (寧波公報),
16, Lane 290, Kweichow Road.

Sun Pao (生報),
8 Hou Tsai Li (候在里),
Burkill Road.

Hsi Shih Chia (戲世界),
8, Lane 439, Burkill Road.

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File No. .....

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date.....19

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Subject.....

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Name and Address of Paper

Eastern Daily News (東方日報),
12, Lane 145, Kuling Road.

Erh Tung Jih Pao (兒童日報),
3, Lane 826, Haining Road.

Sing Pao (汎報),
6, Lane 357, Weihaiwei Road.

Shanghai Daily News (上海日報),
169 Avenue Road.

Hsi Pao (戲報),
81, Lane 97, Myburgh Road.

Lee Yuan Shih Chia (梨園世界),
765 Tiendong Road.

Robinhood (羅賓漢),
39, Lane 136, Amoy Road.

King Kong Pictorial (金剛畫報),
97 Avenue Edward VII.

A list bearing the chops of the advertising departments of these Chinese dailies and the signatures of either the publishers or the managers of mosquito papers is attached.

On June 6, the Yeu Cheng Company published another advertisement (translation marked "A" attached) announcing that it is recruiting 100 agents.

FILE

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.) 9/6

J.M. Brown.
D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

(A)

THE YU CHENG DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANY

ADVERTISES FOR AGENTS

The Yu Cheng Drug Manufacturing Company (有成公司), corner of Brenan Piece and Connaught Road, publishes the following advertisement in the "Sun Pao" (生報), the "Hollywood Daily News" (好萊塢日報) and the "Hsi Shih Chia" (戲世界), three mosquito papers, to-day (June 6, 1939) :-

(1) This company desires to take on 100 agents.

(2) 50 agents will be classified "A" and 50 as "B" according to the result of business they bring during the month.

(3) The monthly gratuity for an "A" class agent is $45; that for a "B" class agent is $30.

(4) Commission on business introduced will be issued to agents as usual.

(5) Each permit entitles only one agent to do business at one place. No agent is allowed to apply for two permits at one time and if he is found to be in possession of two permits, he will be paid as having one permit only.

(6) As the object of this company is to conduct business honestly, any agent who defrauds clients will be instantly discharged.

(7) As a special case, these 100 agents will be exempted from any charges.

(8) This company will supply all necessary equipment to its agents during the period of enrolling of agents.

(9) The period of enrolling of agents will expire on June 26.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date June 1, 1939.

Subject. Yeu Zung Co., Cantonese Style Lottery Ticket Office, solicits business under the pretext of a drug manufacturing company.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by C. Crawford D.I.

With reference to the attached translation from the Shun Pao and other newspapers (May 28th issue) on advertisements by the Yeu Zung Company (Cantonese style lottery ticket office, 1/858 Jessfield Road, O.O.L.) soliciting business under the pretext of selling drugs manufactured by the concern, enquiries have been made and the above report confirmed.

On May 30, 1939, a detective attached to this office, posing as a customer, personally called at the Yeu Zung Co., House 1, Lane 858, Jessfield Road, O.O.L., with a view to purchasing the medicine known as "Bear's Gall Bladder" which, according to the advertisement, is a new product of the concern and buyers will receive lottery coupons on their purchases. An employee of the concern who received him told him in an explicit manner that no medicine of any kind could be bought there, the advertisement in the vernacular presses being inserted with the sole object of promoting the sale of lottery tickets issued by the concern. He was shown a pamphlet containing regulations governing the Cantonese style lottery (a copy of which was obtained and is the subject of a report dated 5/5/39) and was invited to purchase lottery tickets which entitle the winner to 62 times of the amount he stakes.

For the purpose of soliciting business, this

Commr. of Police.
Sir:
Information
This Robertson
D. C. (Sp. Br.)

D.C. (Sp Br.)
Can you stop
the Advts in
local Press

SHANGHAI M.P.
2 JUNE 1939
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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company recently delivered by mail to residents in the Settlement and French Concession copies of two pamphlets, one containing regulations governing the lottery and the other, the first 80 characters of the book entitled "One Thousand Words" which will be used in the Cantonese style lottery in lieu of numbers. In the pamphlet containing regulations governing the lottery is included a short paragraph inviting agents and salesmen for the promotion of sale of lottery tickets on a commission basis.

Attached herewith are two copies of each kind of the two pamphlets delivered by the company to residents in the Settlement and French Concession by mail.

It will be recalled that the Yeu Zung Company, the Cantonese style lottery ticket office, was formally inaugurated on May 15, 1939 and is owned by a Cantonese named Chen Zung (Vide Special Branch report dated 17/5/39).

Liao Chung Chen
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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COMMISSIONER

May 28, 1939. Morning Translation

Shun Pao, Morning Leader and Eastern Times :-

GAMBLING ORGAN PUBLISHES ADVERTISEMENT SOLICITING BUSINESS UNDER THE PRETEXT OF A DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANY ; SETTLEMENT AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE STRICT ACTION FOR SUPPRESSION

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Not knowing the truth of this advertisement, many have approached the company for the purchase of the medicine and for the position of salesmen. However, to their surprise, they found that the so-called drug manufacturing company is a large gambling establishment for the conduct of a "Cantonese Style Lottery" on the same style as the Hwo Hwei Lottery. Three drawings are held everyday. The so-called "agents" and "salesmen" are in reality "Ting Doong's" (branches) and "Hong Zai's" (agents) of the lottery, while the so-called Bear's Gall Bladder contains in fact the first 80 characters of the book entitled "One Thousand Words" (千字文). It is due to the impossibility of publishing advertisements openly that the gambling den has invented this method to deceive the newspapers and the public in the name of a drug manufacturing company.

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Despite the publication of this advertisement, the company is still not in a position to do good business as its treacherous methods are known to the public.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
29 MAY 1939
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

D.C. (Sp.Br.)

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May 26, 1939. Morning Translation

SALES ADVERTISEMENT WITH OFFER OF PRIZES

The "Yu Cheng Drug Manufacturing Company" (有成藥廠公司) on Connaught Road near Zau Ka Tu publishes the following advertisement in the "Hwa Mei Chen Pao", the "Sin Wan Pao", the "Shun Pao", the "China Evening News" (25/5), and the "Ta Ying Yeh Pao" (25/5) :-

Newly Arrived and Specially Made Effective Medicine: Chance to Win $100,000 Prize: Specially Prepared Bear's Gall Bladder

This Company is selling a reliable and newly prepared medicine known as Bear's Gall Bladder which will stimulate the brain and strengthen the stomach. In order to push its sale, this company has set aside a large sum of money for prizes.

A coupon will be given for a purchase of not less than 10 cents. The more you purchase the more coupons you will get.

The following prizes will be awarded to winning coupons :-

For a winning 10-cent coupon, a gold ring valued at $6.20 will be awarded as a prize.

For a winning $1 coupon, a gold watch valued at $62 will be awarded as a prize.

For a winning $10 coupon, a diamond ring valued at $620 will be awarded as a prize.

For a winning $100 coupon, a new motor car valued at $6,200 will be awarded as a prize.

For a winning $1,000 coupon, a large foreign-style house valued at $100,000 will be awarded as a prize.

The drawing will be held in public. Visits from the public will be welcomed.

Attention: For particulars regarding purchases and prizes, write or dial Telephone 21601. Catalogues are issued.

Agents and Salesman Wanted

In order to push the sale of Bear's Gall Bladder, an effective medicine newly prepared by us, this Company invites agents and salesmen on specially favourable terms. For particulars, please write or dial Tel. 21601 and catalogues will be immediately forwarded.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date. May 17, 1939.

Subject (in full) Cantonese Style Lottery - Inauguration.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by C. Crawford. S.I.

The Cantonese style lottery operated by the Yeu Zung Company, House 1, Lane 858, Jessfield Road, O.O.L., was formally inaugurated on May 15, 1939.

According to information received, the Yeu Zung Company at present pays a protection fee of $600.00 per diem to the Shanghai Amusement Supervision Department, 9/470 Yu Yuen Road. It is contemplating the formation of a large number of branch offices in the extra-Settlement road area in the Western District and has detailed representatives to approach the various cigarette and exchange shops in that area with a request that they act as agents for the company on a commission basis.

Liao Chung Chien
D. S. I.

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D.C. (S.B.)

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P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

SHANGHAI M.P. 19 MAY 1939 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

D.C. (D.M.)
Do all you can to make things difficult for arrangements agents acting on behalf of the company.

Commissioner of Police

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. 8039 A/41
Date May 8, 1939.

Subject (in full) Cantonese Style Lottery Ticket Office - branch established.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung-chien *Forwarded by* C. Gamford D.I.

The Yeu Zung Company (有成總公司), No.1, Lane 858, Jessfield Road, O.O.L., which is the main office of the Cantonese Style Lottery to commence operations on May 10, 1939, has established a branch office at No.135 Jessfield Road, O.O.L., the premises of the Kwang Sung Gambling Den.

Meantime, the Yeu Zung Company is undertaking a propaganda campaign in the form of distributing pamphlets to shops and residents in the extra-Settlement road area in the Western District, which contain general regulations governing the lottery. A copy of this pamphlet has been obtained by this Branch and is the subject of a report dated 5/5/39.

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Liao Chung Chien
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S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date May 5, 1939.

Subject Cantonese Style Lottery Ticket Office - regulations governing drawings published.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by C. Crawford D.I.

Further to Special Branch report dated 3/5/39, the Cantonese style lottery ticket office under the name Yeu Zung Company (有 宗)will commence operations on May 10, 1939. There will be three drawings a day instead of two as mentioned in the previous report.

A copy of a pamphlet issued by the Yeu Zung Company which contains the detailed regulations governing the lottery and two blank sample tickets have been obtained and are attached herewith together with translation.

Liao Chung Chien
D. S. I.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER 5 MAY 1939 CRIME BRANCH

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Translation of a pamphlet issued by the Yeu Zung Company which contains regulations governing Cantonese style lottery

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO NOTE THIS SPEEDY WAY OF GETTING RICH.

This lottery has been in operation in Kwangtung and Macao for more than one hundred years and has been extended to the South Sea Islands and San Franciso in the last generation. It is interesting and its operation is fair to all.

Regulations governing the lottery

Purchase: Each ticket will contain a set of ten characters derived from the first 80 characters of the book "One thousand words" ( ). Buyer can select tickets at the main or branch offices of this company.

Price: Each ticket will be sold at half a cent but a buyer should purchase at least 20 tickets which cost 10 cents.

Drawings: There will be twenty winning characters in each drawing which will be decided by using a hollow iron drum.

Prizes: A ticket containing 5 winning characters will be given 7/10 of a cent.

A ticket	containing	6	winning	characters	-	7 cents.
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"	"	"	8	"	"	- $3.50
"	"	"	9	"	"	- $7.00
"	"	"	10	"	"	- $14.00

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A ticket carries a blank space in which any person may fill in a character and pay a sum of $0.10 or more.

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If the character turns out to be the last of the twenty winning characters in a drawing, a prize equivalent to 62 times of the sum staked will be given and if it turns out to be either the 18th or 19th of the winning characters then a prize equivalent to two times of the sum staked will be issued.

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For each drawing this office reserves $100,000.00 for paying prizes.

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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No. S. B. D.
Date

Date May 3, 1939.

Subject. Cantonese Style Lottery Ticket Office - to commence functioning in extra-Settlement road area in the Western District.

Made by. D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien. *Forwarded by.* C. Gaunford. D.C.

A Cantonese style lottery under the name Yeu Zung Company (有成) will open a ticket office on May 10, 1939, at House 1, Tai Ping Li (太平里) (Lane 858) off Jessfield Road, O.O.L. The company which is reported to be capitalized with a sum of $1,000,000.00 is owned by a Cantonese named Chen (陳). Chu Sung Ling (朱順林), advisor to the Opium Hong Guild and concurrently the conductor of the Li Wai Lo Amusement Club, situated behind the Hollywood Gardens, 1204 Yu Yuen Road, is reported to have been appointed manager of the new concern.

The company will be operated on similar lines to other lottery ticket offices earning a commission from the drawings, except that it will use eighty Chinese characters in lieu of the numbers. There will be two drawings a day and tickets will be sold at the company's main office and its branches which are to be established in different districts in the near future.

The proprietor is reported to have obtained a permit from the Shanghai Amusement Supervision Department, 9/470 Yu Yuen Road for the conducting of this business through the assistance of Chu Sung Ling.

D.C. Crime
Information
Thos Robertson
DC(SB)

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
3 MAY 1939
(CRIME BRANCH)

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Liao Chung Chien
D.S.I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

SPECIAL BRANCH REGISTRY. *File No.*

SUBJECT

Chen Yuen Gambling Den
15 Jessfield Road.

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Misc.No.118/40 B'Well
Feb. 16, 40.

1.

SHOTS FIRED BY GUARDS IN THE CHEU YUEN GAMBLING DEN, 15 JESSEFIELD ROAD

At 3.55 p.m. 16/2/40, P.C.153 Mills reported to the station that an unknown male foreigner had informed him that one of the guards employed in the Cheu Yuen (朝 園) Gambling Den, 15 Jessefield Road, was firing his pistol.

S.I. Curtis, D.I. Verschoar, D.S.I. Chu and D.S. Weeks attended and learned from a T.C.G. Policeman on duty at the entrance to the den, that a number of the guards had been drinking and a quarrel had occurred, during which one or two of them pulled out their pistols and fired a number of shots.

No person is believed to have been injured.

Forwarded for information.

D. S. SSS.

Sen. I/c.

D.D.O. "B" DIV.

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Jan. 26, 40.

2.

DETENTION OF HIRED CARS BY GAMBLING DEN O.C.I.

Further to Diary 1, O.I. Tabrum called the Traffic Manager of Johnson Garage and two chauffeurs named Li Zoong Yueh (李仲月), [illegible] Permit No.5626 and Lung Teeng Yeu (陳正有), [illegible] Permit No.1520 to Bubbling Well Station to make a report regarding the two chauffeurs having been detained at the Chiu Yuen (秋園) Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road.

At 11.30 a.m. 26/1/40, the Traffic Manager and the two chauffeurs came to Bubbling Well Station, when the chauffeurs made the following statements.

Li Zoong Yueh states:- At 9.05 p.m. 25/1/40, his Johnson taxi No.18453 was hired by a Japanese from the garage at 800 Peking Road. Acting on instructions he was told to drive to Zau Ka Doo and when he arrived at the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road, he was told to stop and drive inside the den. He drove inside where he was met by two uniformed Chinese, both armed with pistols, who asked him to enter the gambling house.

He was taken to a small room, where he was given cigarettes, drink and food.

After remaining on the premises about half an hour, he left and returned to the Kiaochow Road Depot.

During the time he was in the gambling den, he was

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not questioned in any way.

Zung Tseng Yeu states:- At 9 p.m. 25/1/40, his Johnson taxi No.18412, was hired by a male Japanese from the garage at 800 Peking Road.

He was ordered to go to the Paramount Ballroom, Jessfield Road. On arriving there, he was ordered to proceed to 15 Jessfield Road, and go inside.

When he arrived inside, he was met by two uniformed Chinese, both armed with pistols, who asked him to come into the den.

He was taken to a small room, where he was given cigarettes and food.

After remaining on the premises about half an hour, he was allowed to go and returned to the Miaochow Road Depot.

During the time he was in the den, he was not questioned by any of the gambling den staff.

D. S. 252.

Sen. D[illegible]

D.D.O. "B" DIV.

" B "
B'well
January 26th., 40.

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1.

DETENTION OF HIRE CARS BY GAMBLING DEN O.O.L.

During the evening of 25/1/40, gunmen and bullies, attached to the Chiu Yuen (秋園) Gambling Den at 15 Jessfield Road, were organised to hire cars belonging to the Taylor, Silver Taxi, Ford Hire and Johnson garages, and force them to go to the den. The cars were detained for periods ranging between a few minutes and two hours until representatives of some of the companies had negotiated with the gambling den management for their release. At least fourteen hire-cars were involved, and of these ten are accounted for in the following reports and the remainder are believed to belong to the Johnson Hire Car Co. which has not made any complaint.

The causes of these incidents are known to be at least two in number and are (A) About 20/1/40 at 10.45p.m. one named Wong (王) said to be one of the managers of the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den, entered the Ford Hire Garage near the Nanking Theatre without first obtaining a chit. He quarrelled with the chauffeur (name not yet known) and the car remained stationary for about ten minutes. Wong was then driven to the Chiu Yuen at 15 Jessfield Road, where the chauffeur was assaulted. The result was that

chauffeurs of the various hirecar companies were warned not to enter that den. (B) The gratuities paid by the various dens to chauffeurs of hire cars ranges from 20¢ at the Chiu Yuen to $1.80¢ at the Hollywood, Yu Yuen Road, and the smallness of the gratuity at the former place has led, naturally, to the hirecar chauffeurs taking their casual gamblers to the better paying places.

That the reasons given above are two of the causes for the incidents is borne out by one of the managers of the gambling den who complained that recent attendances had been poor. Also, in order to inspire the detained chauffeurs with good will for the place, they were liberally treated with food, drink and cigarettes.

At 9p.m. 25/1/40 Chauffeur Wong Kong Kyien (王公奇) C.M.P. Permit No. 9081, reported that at about 8.25p.m. his Ford Hire Car No. 12300 was hired at the Canidrome, F.C., by a male and female Chinese who alighted at the corner of Seymour and Wuting Roads. The chauffeur then made his way to St. George's Garage, Bubbling Well Road, via Avenue Road. At 8.45p.m. when about to turn south from Avenue Road into Jessfield Road, four men, two armed with Mauser (?) pistols, came

from the west side of Jessfield Road near No.11, and signalled him to stop. He did not do so but accelerated and drove to his garage.

At 9.30p.m. 25/1/40 chauffeur Tung Ts Li (湯志礼) C.M.F. Permit No. 9551 reported that at 8.58p.m. he was sent in his Taylor Hire Car No. 12142 to pick up passengers from Room 421 of the Yangtsze Hotel. Three male Chinese entered the car and he was instructed to drive to Zao Ka Doo. When on Jessfield Road he was instructed to enter the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den, but as he refused, one passenger alighted and said that he would get the fare from inside. He returned in a few moments with about ten loafers and the chauffeur drove away from them. However, whilst one of the two remaining passengers tried to cover his (chauffeur's) eyes, the other grasped his throat. The chauffeur succeeded in turning his car and ranking it near Bubbling Well Station. The two passengers escaped.

At 10p.m. 25/1/40 chauffeur Zien Pah Sung (徐柏生) C.M.F. Permit 3740, reported that at 9.18p.m. he drove his Taylor Hire Car No. 12074 from the Mohawk Road Garage to pick up guests in Room 335 at the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road. One male Chinese in foreign clothing entered the car and instructed him to

drive to near the C.C.C.P. Bureau on Jessfield Road, and was eventually stopped between Nos. 13 & 15. Four men then came from the sidewalk: one jumped on the running board, grasped his coat and ordered him to enter the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den at No. 15. The chauffeur accellerated the car and stopped on Tifeng Road near the British Camp. The man on the running board jumped off and walked away and the passenger followed him. The chauffeur intended to chase the latter and get his fare, but seeing three more Chinese approaching him, he abandoned the car and ran to his company's garage on Yu Yuen Road. The car was later driven by some person unknown to the gate of 13 Jessfield Road and was taken away at about 11.30p.m. 25/1/40 by Mr. Digmanese of the Taylor Co. who was not hindered in any way.

At 12m.n. 25/1/40 Chauffeur Yao Ah Siao (姚阿小) S.M.C. Permit 6359, driving Silver Taxi S.M.C. No.18282, reported that at about 8p.m. he was called by a tout from the taxi-rank in the 4th. Marines Club, 722 B'Well Road, to pick up a fare near the Roxy Theatre. Two Japanese in civilian clothes entered the car and told him to drive to the Paramount and then north along Jessfield Road. When he refused, both Japanese produced short pistols and forced him to enter the

Chiu Yuen Den at 15 Jessfield Road. At the gate the passengers were reinforced by seven or eight men, two in a uniform of some sort and carrying rifles and one in plainclothes armed with a Mauser pistol. Some of them stood on the running board until the car was parked inside the drive. He was taken inside the den where a male Chinese in foreign clothes invited him to eat, drink and smoke until a representative of the Silver Taxi Co. came. This person said that he wanted to know why cars belonging to the Silver Taxi Co. never came to the den, and for that reason had had him (chauffeur) brought there. The chauffeur was released at 10.20p.m. 25/1/40 after Mr. Ho, Traffic Manager of the Silver Taxi Co. had had a private discussion with the management of the den.

At 1a.m. 26/1/40 Chauffeur Loo Zung Kan (陸森南) C.M.F. Permit No. 8152, reported that in response to a telephone call he drove his Taylor Hire Car No. 12150 from the Mohawk Road Garage to the Great Eastern Hotel, Room No. 217, Nanking Road. Two male Chinese in foreign style clothes ordered him to go to 152 Kuling Road, where, after a short stop and a remark by one of the men that "the girl could not come" one suggested gambling. The car was driven a little way past the Chiu Yuen at 15 Jessfield Road, where one passenger

alighted. He returned from the den with four men, two in uniform armed with Mausers and two in plain-clothes armed with short pistols. They jumped on the running board and ordered the chauffeur to back into the gambling den. He was then well treated, being given food, drink and cigarettes. He was informed that the passengers were not concerned and that the matter would be settled when a representative of the Taylor Co. arrived: if not, the car would be detained by the Japanese Military H.Q. He was released at 10.20p.m. and checked his car at the Taylor Co's Head Office, 96 R. Cardinal Mercier, at 10.27p.m. 25/1/40. He described his passengers as (1) Male Chinese age 20/30, 5'5/6", slim build, long dark face, long hair; grey overcoat; Shanghai - Northern dialect. (2) Similar and wearing a grey felt hat.

At 1a.m. 26/1/40 chauffeur Woo Ah Zai (吳阿才) C.M.F. Permit No. 2913, reported that his Taylor Taxi No. 12147 was hired from the Yu Yuen Road Garage at 9.43p.m. 25/1/40 by a male Chinese wearing foreign clothes. Acting on instructions he drove near to No. 311 Yu Yuen Road where a Japanese boarded the car. He was then instructed to turn north along Tifeng Road and eventually to enter the Tifeng Road entrance of the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den. When he refused, the

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Japanese pressed something hard between his shoulder-blades and said "Ke-ke". When in the den the car was parked and he was treated with food, drink and cigarettes. He was released at 10.20p.m. His passengers were described as (1) Male Chinese aged 35/40, 5'6/7", medium build, round face; dark coat with black and brown spots. Identified as Kwoh Yoong (郭荣) connected with the gambling den by the previous chauffeur Loo Zung Kan. (2) Male Japanese aged about 40, 5'5/6", medium build, round dark face, ragged moustache; black overcoat and felt hat.

At 1a.m. 26/1/40 Chauffeur Lieu Wei Foo (刘伟福) C.N.F. Permit No. 19953 reported that at 9.37 p.m. 25/1/40 a male Chinese wearing foreign style clothing hired Taylor Car No. 12054 from the Yu Yuen Road Garage. He drove to Yu Yuen and Tifeng Roads intersection where a Chinese and a Japanese entered the car. He then drove them along Tifeng Road and was ordered to enter the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den. He told his passengers that he could not do so because one of the company's bulletins ordered them not to. One of the Chinese (3rd. described), who was sitting beside him, received a small pistol from the Japanese and then ordered the chauffeur to proceed. He did so and was treated as the other chauffeurs, and was

released at 10.20p.m. 25/1/40. Description of passengers (1) Chinese 35/40, 5'5/6", medium build, short hair; grey and white overcoat. (2) Japanese, 5'5/6", medium build, black overcoat. (3) Male Chinese age ?, strong build; brown overcoat. Shanghai dialect.

At 2.10a.m. 26/1/40 Lee Noh Zien (李木根) S.M.C. Permit No. 11478, reported that at 8.30p.m. 25/1/40 he was called from the Chekiang Road Garage of the Silver Taxi Co. he take his car S.M.C. No.18299 and pick up passengers at the Far Eastern Hotel, Nanking Road. Two male Chinese boarded the taxi and directed him to drive to the Paramount Ballroom, Yu Yuen Road, and then to the Chiu Yuen Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road. When he refused to enter, one of the passengers stuck something between his shoulderblades. At the same time two guards armed with pistols and batons jumped on the running board and the chauffeur did as directed. He was asked why the company's cars never brought gamblers to the den and he replied that a company-notice advised them not to. His fare was paid and he was released when Mr. Ho Yoong Kyien, traffic manager of the Silver Taxi Co. negotiated with the management of the den. Description of passengers:- (1) Male Chinese, 35/7 years, 5'5/6", fat build, square face; foreign style brown suit, brown hat. Shanghai

dialect. (2) ?

At 4.40a.m. 26/1/40 chauffeur Sen Yah Fou (韓雅孚) S.M.C. Permit No. 18096, reported that at 8.25p.m. whilst parked inside the "Ido" Ballroom, 306 Medhurst Road, Silver Taxi No. 18263 was engaged by two male Chinese. One of them alighted at the Paramount Ballroom, Yu Yuen Road, and the other instructed him to go to Zao Ka Doo. When near Tifeng Road he was ordered to stop. His passenger alighted and returned with six men from the Chiu Yuen Tangling Den, two of whom were armed with Mausers and two with rifles. He was forced to back into the driveway of the den. After that he was treated as well as the rest and released at 10.20p.m. Description of passengers:- (1) Male Chinese age 27/8, ht. 5'5/6", medium build, gabardine overcoat, brown felt hat: Shanghai dialect. (2) Male Chinese age 27/8, ht. 5'5/6", medium build, thin face, pointed chin, long hair parted on the left side, dark grey overcoat, white scarf: Shanghai dialect.

In addition to the cars mentioned above, there is Silver Taxi S.M.C. No. 18264 which has not been reported upon, and unidentified cars of the Johnson Hire Car Co.

After the first report had been received Ch.Insp. MacFarlane was informed. He went to the S.C.S.P.Bureau at 11 Jessfield Road at 10.00p.m. and interviewed Mr.

Misc. No. 60/40.

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Wong Dao Zung (王道宗) Deputy i/c and Sgt. Tanaka, Adviser seconded from the J.W.D. Although they made a large number of telephone calls they did not state what action they would take. Ch. Insp. MacFarlane left the C.C.G.P. Bureau after learning that all detained hire cars had been released.

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SHANGHAI EVENING POST & MERCURY
JAN 26 1940

Gaming Den Gang Seizes Taxi Drivers

No. S. B. D 8a

Armed Japanese, Chinese Abduct 14 To 15 Jessfield Road House

Attempt Made To Break Boycott Organized By Chauffeurs Because Of Small Tips Paid By Autumn Garden Management

Boycott by hire-car chauffeurs of a badlands gambling den was dealt with last night by Japanese and Chinese musclemen, who went out, hired cars and, at pistol point, made the drivers take them to the place, 15 Jessfield Road.

No less than 14 chauffeurs and their cars were detained, and it was not until 10.30 p.m. that representatives of the taxi concerned effected their release. The boycott had been organized because this particular den paid less cumshaw to the drivers than did others.

Autumn Garden

All the gambling dens provide free transport for their patrons. They pay hire-car chits, and also give a tip to the chauffeur. The den at 15 Jessfield Road, known as Chu Yuen, or Autumn Garden, has only been giving the drivers 20 cents.

As the other gaming houses, such as the Hollywood Gardens, give much more in the way of a tip . . . even to $1.50 is reported . . . the chauffeurs of four companies got together and started the boycott. When they picked up a would-be gambler, they would take him to any place except the Autumn Garden. The taxi firms whose chauffeurs organized were Silver Taxi, Taylor, Ford and Johnson.

Strong Arm Methods

The Autumn Garden management last night decided to terrorize these chauffeurs. Japanese and Chinese employees, armed with pistols, were sent out to various places in the International Settlement and French Concession, with instructions to hire taxis and drive back to 15 Jessfield Road.

One after another the taxis rolled up at their destination, as the chauffeurs cancelled their announcement that they were not going to the Autumn Garden when their Japanese or Chinese patron pushed an automatic pistol into the backs of their necks.

Lecture Given

Drivers of taxis were lined up at the Autumn Garden, and given a lecture on the naughtiness of their having started a boycott. They were kept at the place as a punishment.

In the meantime, non-arrival of 14 taxis at various hire-car stations caused increasing anxiety, until a police report showed where they were. Representatives of the firms concerned went to 15 Jessfield Road (which is just outside the Settlement boundary), conferred with the management and managed to get their cars and drivers released.

Most Picturesque

The mansion is one of the most picturesque in Shanghai and is famous in the Chinese community as Sir Elly Kadoorie's Marble Hall and Mrs. Silas A. Hardoon's private garden. Surrounded by a tall wall, the main entrance is decorated with two massive heads of lions made of white granite.

The semicircular driveway leads to the main door, which before the place was converted into a gambling den, opened into a typical Chinese parlor with beautiful blackwood furniture. Paintings by great Chinese masters and scrolls written by famous calligraphists decorated the walls.

Private Gambling

The door on the left led to a sitting room fitted in foreign style while on the right side of the parlor was a room devoted to family mah-jongg and card parties. It is now probably one of the roulette rooms.

Behind the front row of three rooms was a lobby and another spacious sitting room. The most picturesque part of the building, however, is on the second floor. On the left wing was a Turkish room—fitted out all in Turkish style with murals on the wall showing the traditional crescent. There was even a hookah to complete the atmosphere.

Neon Lights

In the center was a spacious foreign style sitting room fitted with neon lights as the room could be converted into a ballroom for a party of at least 150. On the right wing was the dining room in which was a unique dining table. Bored into the one-piece top of the table was a small pond with running water. At formal dinner parties, the pond was filled with water and on the miniature lake, small motor boats and sailing boats floated to and fro as the waiters brought course after course.

The garden was also full of gadgets and contraptions. In a detached small building, part of which was used as the garage and servant quarters, was a winding staircase concealed behind a trapdoor. The owner of the building, Mr. Tan Han-chiu, a wealthy Cantonese merchant, explained that this was all made to satisfy his whims.

Flapping Wings

Surrounded by the drive way was a small fountain with the stone statue of an angel overlooking the spout. The fountain was fitted with reflecting lights with the eyes of the angel could also be lit with electric lights. At the pressing on the button, the wings, made of light metal, and painted in the color of the stone, flapped gently.

Mr. Tan's relation with the gambling den, declared to be the most luxurious in the Jessfield Road area, is not known. He may have sold the house, as it is alleged, rented it or have an interest in the new enterprise.

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date January 25, 1940.

Subject "Ford" Taxi Driver Assaulted at Chow Yuan (秋園) Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road, O.C.L..

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse Liang Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

With reference to an article published in the National Herald and China Evening News of January 24, 1940 relating to the assault of a "Ford" Taxi driver at the Chow Yuan Gambling Den at 15 Jessfield Road, O.C.L., the following particulars have been obtained:-

At about 11 p.m., January 20, 1940, one named Wong (王), reported to be the son of a shareholder of the Chow Yuan Gambling Den at 15 Jessfield Road, left the Nanking Theatre and proceeded to the Ford Hire Service Station, opposite the theatre, to hire a car in which to return to the gambling den. On reaching the Service Station he entered a car without having first obtained a chit from the accountant's office. The chauffeur of the car in question, one named Woo Soh Ming (吳叔明) insisted that a chit was necessary and, to Wong's annoyance, spent some considerable time in obtaining one. On arrival at the Chow Yuan Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road, O.C.L., Wong sent for the armed guards and instructed them to beat-up the chauffeur. The latter was not released until sometime later when an employee of the Ford Hire Service named Zau Zoong Yui (趙仲餘) proceeded to the gambling den and secured his release. The chauffeur was later treated at the Red Cross General Hospital but was not detained, his injuries not proving serious.

It is learned that the chauffeurs of the

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Ford Hire Service, Taylor Garage, Johnson Garage and Silver Taxi decided this morning, January 25, that in future they would not drive their cars to the Chow Yuan Gambling Den unless reparation was made to the injured chauffeur.

Sih Tse Tang
C. D. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)

National Herald and China Evening News :-

"FORD" TAXI DRIVER ASSAULTED BY GAMBLING DEN DESPERADOES.

On January 20, a "Ford" Taxi driver was assaulted by desperadces attached to a gambling den. This has aroused the anger of all ~~the~~ drivers in Shanghai and it is said that they will refuse to drive passengers to or from the Chiu Yuan (秋園) Gambling Den.

It appears that at about 7 p.m. January 20, some person ordered a car from the "Ford" Taxi Branch on Avenue Edward VII, near the Nanking Theatre, which is operated by Wu Su-ming (吳叔明). When the car, license No.12345, arrived at the Chiu Yuan Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road, the passengers instructed more than 10 desperadoes belonging to the gambling den to assault the driver who was injured about the head and the right ear. He was then locked up in a special room.

At about 10 p.m. the "Ford" Taxi Co. sent members to take the matter up with the gambling den concerned and the driver was released and taken to the Chinese Red Cross Hospital on Avenue Haig for treatment.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2 Special Branch

REPORT

File No. 8058/41

S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 5

Date November 28 1939.

Subject (in full) Gambling house at 15 Jessfield Road.

Made by and *Forwarded by* Supt. Tan Shao Liang

The operations at 15 Jessfield Road resumed shortly after the flood had vanished and are going on as usual. The place is crowded daily with wealthy Chinese visitors and the business is reported to be very prosperous.

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Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2, Special Branch, Date

REPORT

Date July 20, 1939.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P.
S. B. REGISTRY

Subject (in full) Reported new gambling house in Western District

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

With reference to the attached report, no information is available as to a new gambling house to start operations in an alleyway leading onto both Yu Yuen Road and Bubbling Well Road. It may refer to the "Chiu Yuen", 15 Jessfield Road which has a side entrance on Tifeng Road, but this establishment has started operations since June 17.

This is likely J.T.

Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent

D.C. (Special Branch).

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21 JULY 1939
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Central China Daily News:- 16.7.1939

NEW GAMBLING DEN TO APPEAR IN WESTERN DISTRICT

A new gambling den is now uder construction in an alleyway in the Western District leading onto both Yu Yuen Road and Bubbling Well Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2 Special Branch ~~xxxxx~~

REPORT

Date July 7 19 39.

Subject (in full) 15 Jessfield Road temporarily closed.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

According to information received, the gambling house at 15 Jessfield Road has ceased operations since July 4 owing to the entrance and compound being flooded as a result of the heavy rains.

Tan Shaoliang
Superintendent.

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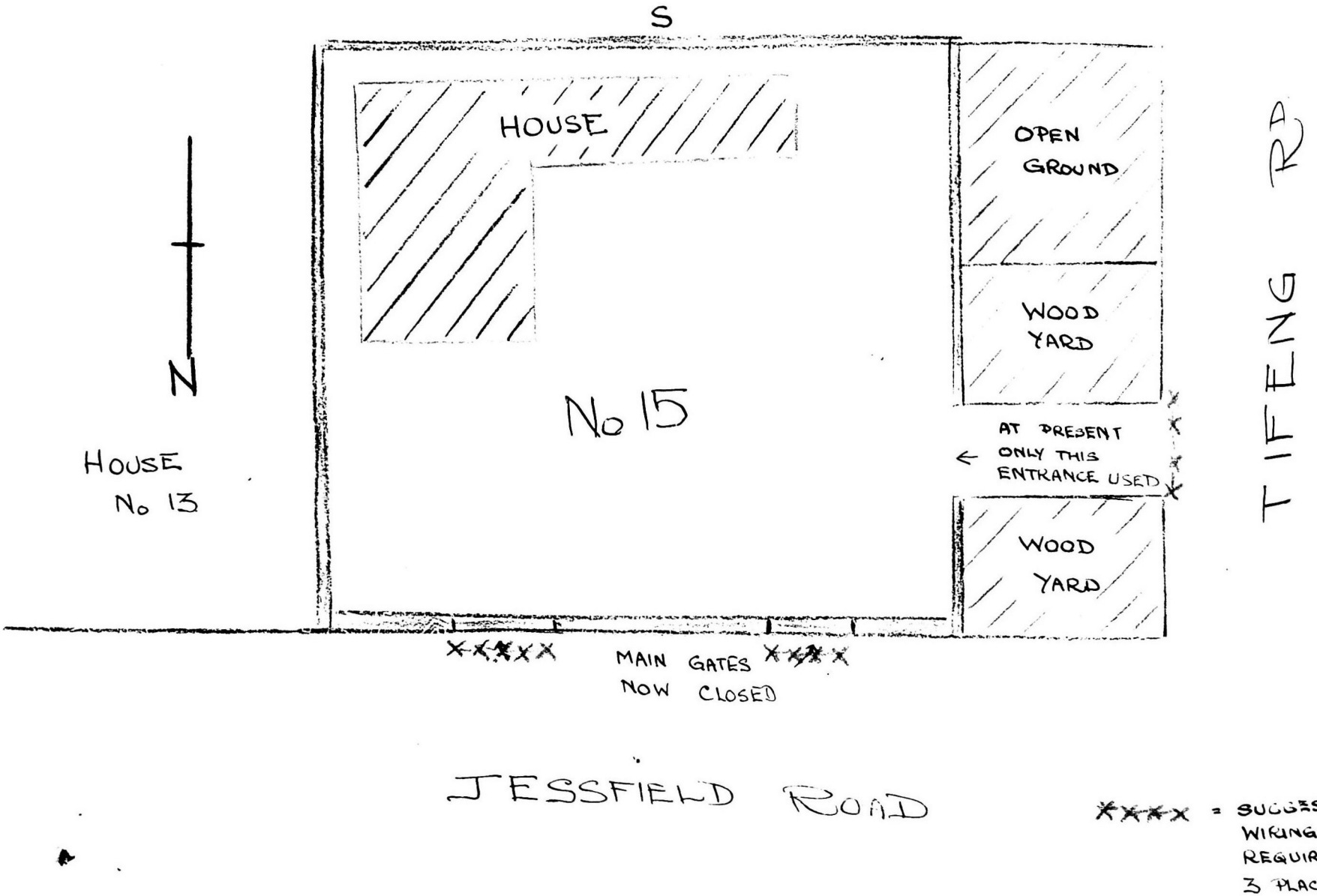
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~XXXXX~~

REPORT

Date June 19, 1939.

Subject. New Gambling Den at No.15 Jessfield Road.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by

Enquiries ascertain that the new gambling den at No.15 Jessfield Road, O.O.L., is entirely Chinese owned. The following people are reported to hold the majority of the shares:-

Wong Mou Ding (王茂亭), a prominent figure in the syndicate operating the Li Wai Lo Amusement Society, situated behind the Hollywood Garden, 1204 Yu Yuen Road, and the Asia Club, 65 Gordon Road.

Li Zeu Kiu (李端九), proprietor of a gambling den situated at 626 Avenue Haig.

Chen Zung (郑武), proprietor of the now defunct Yeu Zung Co., the Cantonese Style Lottery Ticket Office, situated at 1/858 Connaught Road, O.O.L.

Tam Hai Chow (譚海秋)(H.C. Tam), landlord of House 15 Jessfield Road.

It is reported that this den has engaged Liu Ching (劉鏡), Formosan, a member of the Special Service Section of the Japanese Military, as a liaison officer. Liu, it will be recalled, played an important role in the operation of the Asia Club, 65 Gordon Road.

The new gambling den will be called "Chow Yuan" (Chow's garden) which would appear to symbolize Tam Hai Chow's ownership of the premises.

Liao Chung Chien
D.S.I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date June 19, 19 39.

Subject (in full) Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road.

Made by and Forwarded by Superintendent Tan Shao Liang

The operations at 15 Jessfield Road, the home of H. C. Tam, started at 8 p.m., June 17 and continued on the night of June 18.

It is learnt that the syndicate which run the above establishment consist of purely Chinese share holders, the promoter Wong Mow Ting(王茂亭) and Chao Ping Tsang (趙炳章) being responsible for raising $80,000 among the French Town racketeers and H. C. Tam $20,000 amongst his Cantonese friends. There are no Japanese interests as far as can be ascertained.

There is a side entrance on Tifeng Road.

Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent

D.C. (Special Branch)

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Bubbling Well Station,

REPORT

Date June 18th 19 39.

Subject Activities at premises No.15 Jessfield Road.

Made by XXX and Forwarded by C.I. Dudley.

Sir,

From observations kept on the above premises from 9 p.m. 17th to 6 a.m. 18th it was observed that a large number of persons and motor cars entered the premises and it is assumed that gambling is now in progress.

All persons and vehicles entered from an entrance on Tifeng Road and the two main entrances on Jessfield Road were closed.

There are no other means of entrance except these three and I consider it an easy matter to wire same up. Should it be decided to do so. Attached is a rough plan showing entrances.

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INFORMATION
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D. O. "B"
18/6.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C/Inspector
Officer in charge

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. No. S. B. D.

Section 2, Special ~~Branch Subsidy~~

REPORT

Date ~~June 17~~, 19 39.

Subject. Invitation cards issued by the Gambling House at 15 Jessfield Road.

Made by. and *Forwarded by.* Superintendent Tan Shao-liang

A number of invitation cards, similar to the one attached, have freely been issued to prominent residents in Shanghai to attend to dinner party at 6 p.m., June 17, the opening day of the establishment. It is significant that the name of this house has been changed into Chu Yuen(秋園) from Chu Poo(秋圃), when it was occupied by the landlord Tam Hai Chu(譚海秋).

It is also reported that the management of the gambling house at 626 Avenue Haig has been transferred to Tung Lien (童連) and Lee Jui Kiu(李穗九) commencing from June 16, the Japanese having given up interests in the establishment.

Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent

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Form A

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Ref. No. D/8039/41

Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
June 16, 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT

New Gambling Den to be established at No. 15 Jessfield Road.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C. and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the subject referred to above

1. **Copies of Police reports.**
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Bubbling Well Station,

June 14, 1939.

Suspected Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road.

Premises No. 15 Jessfield Road just West of Avenue Road have been under observation for some time as extensive alterations have been taking place. It has been learned by the undersigned that these alterations were for the purpose of a new gambling den. A new gate has been installed West of the present one to give an "exit", and information has been received that the opening of the new premises will take place in the near future.

Certified true copy.

H.C. Eardley

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date June 15, 1939.

Subject New Gambling Den to be established at No.15 Jessfield Road.

Made by Forwarded by

It is reported that the new gambling den at House 15, Jessfield Road, O.O.L., will open for business on June 16, 1939.

The principal promoter of this establishment is one Wong Mou Ding (王 茂 鼎), a Cantonese, who is a prominent figure of the syndicate operating the Asia Club (gambling den), 65 Gordon Road, and the Li Wai Lo Amusement Society, situated behind the Hollywood Garden, 1204 Yu Yuen Road, O.O.L. He is reported to have obtained a permit to operate the new den through the Japanese Consulate-General and the Japanese Military instead of applying direct to the Shanghai Amusement Supervision Department, 9/470 Yu Yuen Road.

This den is said to have raised a capital of $200,000.00 and will, after commencement of business, pay a protection fee of $300.00 per diem to the Shanghai Amusement Supervision Department.

According to the regulations of the new den, admission will be given to those who are in possession of special introduction cards issued by the den. Those not in possession of such cards will be admitted but only on condition that they purchase $100.00 chips before entering the house.

House 15, Jessfield Road, O.O.L., is the property of Tam Hai Chow (H.C.Tam), a native of Canton, and Chairman of the Shanghai Philanthropic Society, 80/1292 Avenue Edward VII, which was formed in December

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

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Date 19

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H.C. Hardley

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY File No. No. S. B. D.

REPORT

Date June 15, 1939.

Subject New Gambling Den to be Established at No.15 Jessfield Road.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien, *Forwarded by* [illegible]

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER 16 JUNE 1939 (DIVISIONS)

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
(SPECIAL BRANCH)

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Bubbling Well Station,

REPORT

Date June 14th. 1939

Subject (in full) Suspected New Gambling Den, 15 Jessfield Road.

Made by and Forwarded by Chief Inspector Dudley.

Sir,

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I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently.

L. R. Dudley C.I.
Officer in charge.

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Superior copy to Supt. Gamble asked me about this place a short time ago

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (CONSI)

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Form A

Ref. No. D.8039A/41

Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
June 16, 1939.

SUBJECT

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The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C. and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.
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CONFIDENTIAL

Section 2, Special Branch,
June 16, 1939.

15 Jessfield Road

With reference to previous reports on the above subject fresh information has been received that a licence has been secured from both the Japanese Secret Service Section and Military Police and that the establishment is going to start operations from tomorrow, June 17. In addition to the front gate, there is a new entrance on the side of the building.

Certified true copy:

H. C. Hardley

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 2, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date June 16, 1939.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
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Subject (Name) 1[illegible] Jessfield Road.

Made by and Forwarded by Superintendent Tan Shao-liang

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Superintendent

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (DIVISIONS) 16 JUNE 1939

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
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S. B. REGISTRY
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Date

Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
June 7, 1939.

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SUBJECT

15 Josefield Road.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to Secretary, S.M.C. and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police Report.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.2, Special Branch. xxxxxx

REPORT. June 6, 39.

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Certified true copy.

H.C. Eardley

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S.2 Special Branch Station

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
FILE No. 1 CONFIDENTIAL
No. S. B. D. 8029/39

Date June 6 1939

Subject 15 Jessfield Road.

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Further enquiries from the same source elicited the information that preparations for the opening of a gambling den at the above address have been going on for at least three months, the delay in the issuing of a licence being evidently caused by disagreement between the Secret Service Section of the Japanese Military and the Gendarmerie. The latter, it is reported, has control of that Section of the district and is, for some reason or other, objecting to the issue of a licence whilst the former is said to have given its permission.

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File No.

S.2, Special Branch

REPORT

No. S. B. 1.

Date June 1, 1939.

Subject (in full). 15 Jessfield Road.

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Tan Shao-liang
Superintendent

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Extract of Proceedings in S. S. D. Court for 12.6.41 19 F. I. R. No. 970/41 Stn. No 1598-620/4

Reg. No 10/7469-91 (2-5 7-25) B'well Stn. (Cond. by Pdqr) Prosecutor YK 2582 Judge Mang.

Accused	2.	Loh Pao Dee	( )	Age 33	Croupier
	3.	Zao Kwei Ching	( )	" 52	"
	4.	Wong Hun Li	( )	" 25	Assistant
	5.	Pih Foh Keng	( )	" 21	"Boy"
	7.	Betty Wong	( )	" 20	Female
	8.	D. Kwoh	( )	" 39	"
	9.	M. Kwoh	( )	" 44	"
	10.	Wu Chung Lih	( )	" 40	Unemployed
	11.	Mrs. Wu Chung Lih	( )	" 32	Female
	12.	George Kwoh	( )	" 26	Office Assist
	13.	Mrs. G. Kwoh	( )	" 24	Female
	14.	Wu Wah Yung	( )	" 34	Manager
	15.	Loh Sih Fee	( )	" 42	Female
	16.	Loh Ta Fa	( )	" 42	"
	17.	Wong Tsao	( )	" 52	"
	18.	Sung Wong Da	( )	" 54	"
	19.	Sung Yen Loh	( )	" 56	Unemployed
	20.	Ling Tsong	( )	" 46	Female
	21.	Ling Lei	( )	" 52	"
	22.	Wu Tee	( )	" 50	"
	23.	Tsang Sing	( )	" 45	"
	24.	Lew An Woo	( )	" 30	Shop manager
	25.	Mrs. Lew An Woo	( )	" 23	Female

Charge

Charge - Aiding and abetting in operating Public Gambling.
Cont. to Art. 268 and 30 of the C.C.C.
Against 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th accused
For that they concerned together on divers dates on and prior to 11.6.41 did for the purpose of gain aid and abett in operating a gambling house in Apt. D., No. 74 Nanyang Road.

Charge - Public gambling. Cont. to Art. 266 of the C.C.C.
For that they at 10.15 p.m. 11.6.41 did gather together at Apt. D., No.74 Nanyang Road and gambled at Roulette.
Compt. S.M.C./S.M.C.

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IN SUMMARY COURT No 5 (A.M.)

Mr. Mang appeared for the S.M. Council.
Mr. Wong Hung Nyi appeared for the 19th, 22nd, & 23rd accused.

Proceedings

Mr. Mang :- The 2nd to 5th accused are charged under art.s. 30 and 268 of the C.C.C. for aiding and abetting in operating public gambling while the others are charged under Art. 266 of the C.C.C. for participating in public gambling. At 10.15 p.m. on the 11/6/41, the Police Party, acting on the Authority of Search Warrant No 188 (pro. and handed to judge), raided House No 74 Nanyang Road, where these accused were arrested. Prior to the raid, the Police received an information

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to the effect that a public gambling on a large scale was conducted at House No 74 Nanyang Road. Enquiries were made and it was revealed that the house was rented by one named Knight, a British subject. On arriving at the said address, the Police Party entered the house by the door which was opened by the 5th accused who was employed there as a watchman. The other accused were arrested in the hall where m roulette gambling was conducted. The accused were found sitting at a long table and participating in gambling. In the name, the gambling was conducted by one British Subject, named Hawkins, who had been previously convicted for the offence of similar nature. Knight is his fictitious name. The 2nd to the 4th accused were employed in the gambling den as croupiers, assistant and boy respectively. To-day, with the exception of the 2nd to 5th accused the others have been failing to attend Court. They were released at Station upon furnishing $500.00 each as bail. Gambling paraphernalia was seized therefrom. These who participated in gambling are well-to-do merchants. They gambled by chips. It was also learned that they did not gamble every day but that they gambled after every several days. It was also learned that it was a Chinese who is the background of the gambling den. As the Police have not yet completed necessary enquiries, a remand is requested.

2nd accused :- I ~~am~~ have been employed only for 2 days in the gamblir den as a crupier. They gambled in roulette by chips. I receive a pay of $2.00 a day. They gambled on every Wednesdays and Sundays. One Hawkins is the conductor.

3rd accused :- I am employed as a croupier. They gambled by chips. One Hawkins is the conductor. I received $2.00 a day